

OF COURSE, the LECs are still DOMINANT if you only look at their market shares. Despite many years of deregulation, still the market is very much dominated by a few LECs.

The bottleneck is in the last mile. What we need is a redefinition of DOMINANCE not a wholesale definition of dominance in every aspects of the network.

Chairman Powell: If the FCC is really an organization dedicated to the protection of the general public interest (and not to any political party), please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country. Do not let the Bell "Wolves" own the chicken coop you already allow them to dominate. Competition requires competitors to be alive. If the FCC lifts the dominant classification from the Local Exchange Carriers (Bells), it will limit competition to a duopoly consisting of a bell and a cable company. Competition in the American Telecom marketplace will not be incentivized, it will be torpedoed. ISPs and CLECs will die, consumers will be deprived of choice and the FCC will be wholly to blame for the travesty. DO NOT DO IT.